

as loved by the common people, but
 somewhat
 despised by his military vassals for his
 niiltim-s.s
 and patient temper, probuhly also for
 «.'Iling
 himself and his territories to the Count
 of Sicily, *

In the year 1127 Duke William died wwl
 w«* imrril
 at Salerno in the tomb of his father, In the*
 Church *»f
 St. Matthew the Apostle, which his
 Krnmifuthi'r,
 Duke Robert, had built. Duke William was
 of mittdta
 stature, graceful of body, a daring and
 en^t-tie
 soldier, experienced in the art of war. He
 was K*!'»"
 erous, humble, kind and patient, pious and
 merciful,
 much beloved by his own people.

Duke William left neither child,
 tetitww'nt, n«»r
 open designation of his successor, awl
 the ihu-hy
 of Apulia-Salerno was left vacant.
 rm»niri;iily it
 seems that the dead man had muck* wmtc
 at lewi «t«»
 to settle the question, hut the value
 attached tt»
 these naturally varies with the jiiitr titinrth
 cjf Kn^rr
 and the rival claimants, A great Latin
 hunt* trim*
 of the Holy Land asserts that when
 ftohemun<!!!»
 left in 1126, for Syria, lit* made it
 ttititmrt miih
 Duke WiEiam by which, if t*itht*r cllrt!
 rhtiltft^
 the other or his heirs should surtwtl him.
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 partisan declares that the Duke left to
 the H«»Iy
 See all that he possessed. The two

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 ans of Roger's reign deelant or imply
 tliat Wiltiain
 during a sojourn at Messina left the
 suremtcm la
 the Count of Sicily for a sum of mc«t«y» *

¹ Romuald, *op cit*_n tn.no 11 »6 n»7),
⁹ The hiwtoriMU . to art **of**